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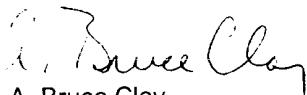
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated 1/24/2001 (copy attached),
a rewritten Abstract is hereby submitted which is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b).

Respectfully submitted,


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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An Abstract not to exceed 150 words in length, commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72(b)).

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